

STAFF SENATE
Minutes
Thursday, April 17, 2008
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Attendance: Bonnie Alberts, Judy Alford, Susan Archer, Kevin Ayoub, Jim Baker, Cindy Booth, Jean Brickey, Christina Brogdon, Catherine Caldwell, Lisa Cotting, Reba Crawford, Sue Ellen Crocker, Jessie Eaves, Andy Fortin, Karen Hall, Walter Hartman, Jennifer Hundley, Travis Hundley, Delbert Jones, Denise Jones, Cindy Koziol, Joyce Landreth, Lori Lee, Rob Lowe, Tom McAvoy, Sharon Profitt, Wyatt Sasser, Louellen Sharp, Lori Kirk, Chris Thomas, Tom Tucker, Ken Wiering, Sue Teel.

Excused: Holly Carroll, Dan Cook, Geraldine Hollandsworth, Jerry Surface, Vicki Walter, Jon Wooge.

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President, Judy Alford.

The Agenda was adopted and minutes approved online. Several guests were present and introduced including Hal Irvin, Associate Vice President for Human Resources; Judy Ridinger, Director, Staffing and Compensation; Brian Gittens, HR Restructuring Project Manager; and Wanda Osburn, Case Manager Employee Assistance Program. Judy showed a banner and read a letter that was sent by Jay Montiero, President, Operating Staff Council at Illinois State University in remembrance of April 16th.

Announcements:

McComas Seminar – Judy Alford noted that invitations had been sent out and 87 people have registered for the seminar. There are six registrants from other universities two from the College of William & Mary, George Mason University and University of Virginia.

Staff Senate National Conference – The proposal for funding is still in the President's office awaiting approval.

Board of Visitors Meeting – the Board of Visitors has approved the 3rd Monday in January to be a University holiday for Martin Luther King Day. They also approved the name of the new Medical School to be the *Virginia Tech Carillion Medical School*. The university experienced a record application year - over 20,000 applicants but only 5,000 will be accepted.

The June Staff Senate Meeting has been moved to June 12th and will be held in 1810 Litton Reeves.

VT-ENGAGE Senate Project – Robin Atkins & Carolyn Dudding picked up food boxes from 5 departments. Robin noted that during summer months children are not in school and need food at home so it is very important that food be donated. The senate will continue this project for the next couple months in order to help with the summer need.

Nominations and Elections – Elections are complete and the new officers for next year will be: President - Tom Tucker, Vice President – Maxine Lyons, Secretary – Jennifer Hundley, and Parliamentarian – Jean Brickey.

CSPA / EAC Resolutions – Tom Tucker & Brian Gittens discussed aspects of the two resolutions (Number 2007-08A and 2007-08B) that passed CSPA on April 1st. A vote of support was moved for and approved unanimously. The Board of Visitors will vote on the two resolutions in August and an enrollment period will begin in the fall of 2008 with implementation of the plan in January.

Employee Assistance Program – Wanda Osburn, Human Resources Case Manager will provide support to employees, management consultation, group meetings, custom trainings and resource development for issues related to 4/16/07 and will support existing Employee Relations programs in addressing situations in which personal issues affect the workplace. Wanda can be reached at 231-9331.

Program**Guest Speaker:**

Laura Fornash, Director of State Relations, presented a program about the actions and processes of the State Legislature especially in regard to how it affects Virginia Tech.

Next meeting:

May 15, 2008

Guest Speaker – Wayne Donald, Director IT Security

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maxine Lyons, Secretary